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SUMMARY: IN ORDER REFUTE CONTINUING OPPOSITION
PARTY CHARGES RE " ILLEGALITY" OF US ARMS SHIPMENTS
FROM JAPAN TO SVN, FONMIN OHIRA HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED
UPDATE OF INFO PROVIDED BEFORE (REF A) CONCERNING
SUPERVISION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF
CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. FONOFF HAS AGAIN ASKED THAT
SOME OF THIS INFO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN DIET.

ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO GOJ REQUESTS. END SUMMARY.

1. OPPOSITION PARTIES IN DIET ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE
GOJ TO TASK FOR PERMITTING US TO MAKE AMMO SHIPMENTS
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FROM US FACILITIES IN JAPAN TO VIETNAM, ALLEGEDLY IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 7 OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. AS EXAMPLE OF " ILLEGAL SHIPMENT", JCP CITED SS " AMERICAN COURIER" WHICH DEPARTED TENGAN, OKINAWA MARCH 26 WITH AMMO SHIPMENT FOR DANANG. (FYI: USARJ HAS CONFIRMED THIS INFO AND ADDED THAT ETA DANANG WAS MARCH 29.)

2. IN ORDER REFUTE THESE ALLEGATIONS, FONOFF SAID THAT FONMIN OHIRA HAS URGENTLY ASKED FOR UPDATE OF INFO PROVIDED BY DCM MID- MARCH (TALKING PAPERS REF A) ON ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES FOR SUPERVISING ARMS SHIPMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 7, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT ON MARCH 29.

3. MEANWHILE, FONOFF SAID THAT IT HAS IMPRESSION OF LITTLE PROGRESS ON ARMS SUPERVISION SINCE MID-MARCH. ICCS TEAMS NOW IN PLACE IN ALL THREE ENTRY POINTS, BUT FONOFF BELIEVES THEY ARE NOT FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY. NOT CLEAR WHETHER TWO- PARTY JMC TEAMS NOW IN PLACE, BUT IN ANY CASE THEY ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE OPERATIVE. GOJ ASSUMES, THEREFORE, THAT DAO NOW CARRYING OUT FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY DONE BY MACV, SUCH AS KEEPING ACCOUNT OF ARVN ARMS EXPENDITURES, SCREENING INCOMING CARGO MANIFESTS, AND ISSUING REPLACEMENTS ON PIECE- BY- PIECE BASIS.

4. IN INFORMATION UPDATE, FONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING OUR COMMENTS ON PARA 3. IF DAO ROLE IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT, FONOFF DESIRES FURTHER INFORMATION, IF POSSIBLE, ON ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES NOW IN EFFECT TO MATCH US ARMS SUPPLIES WITH ARVN EXPENDITURES ON PIECE- BY- PIECE BASIS. AT WHAT POINT DOES MATCHING TAKE PLACE-- E. G. WHEN CARGO MANIFESTS ARE BEING MADE UP IN JAPAN?

5. FINALLY, FONOFF HAS AGAIN ASKED THAT, IF POSSIBLE, SOME OF THIS INFO BEARING ON US ROLE UNDER ARTICLE 7 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOJ FOR DIET USE. FONOFF REITERATED GOJ IS NOT RPT NOT QUESTIONING US GOOD FAITH IN OBSERVING CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT OR US RIGHT TO MAKE AMMO SHIPMENTS TO VIETNAM.
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6. ACTION REQUESTED: UPDATE OF TALKING PAPERS REF A
AND INDICATION OF PORTIONS, IF ANY, OF CLASSIFIED
PAPER WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO GOJ FOR USE IN DIET.
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